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Heads Iowa John Birch Society Unit

(The Tribune's Iowa News Service)

DAVENPORT, IA.—A Davenport businessman Friday revealed his active affiliation with the controversial John Birch Society.

Joseph Kimmel, sr., president of the Republic Electric Co. and chairman of the Scott County zoning commission, identified himself as the founder of the newly organized Davenport chapter of the John Birch Society.

Kimmel told newsmen: "The people behind this organization are some of the biggest and finest in the country".

Attack

He declined comment on charges attributed to the Society's founder, Robert H. W. Welch, jr., that former President Eisenhower was a Communist.

The society has come under a vigorous attack for Welch's remarks about Mr. Eisenhower.

Said Kimmel: "Welch has written a book which is regarded as confidential and he holds certain opinions. I do not care to comment on them."

Penetration

Kimmel said the general public is not aware of the extent of Communist penetration into every walk of life in this country.

Kimmel, 76, was born in Dayton, Ohio, and worked for the National Cash Register Co. in eastern states before coming to Davenport in 1916 where he started an electrical, refrigeration, heating and air conditioning business.

He is a former president of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce and has been chairman of the zoning commission since 1947. He has



JOSEPH KIMMEL, SR.
Sees Red Penetration

held important positions in banking and industrial development.

His active electrical business in Davenport began when he leased desk space in a Davenport storeroom:

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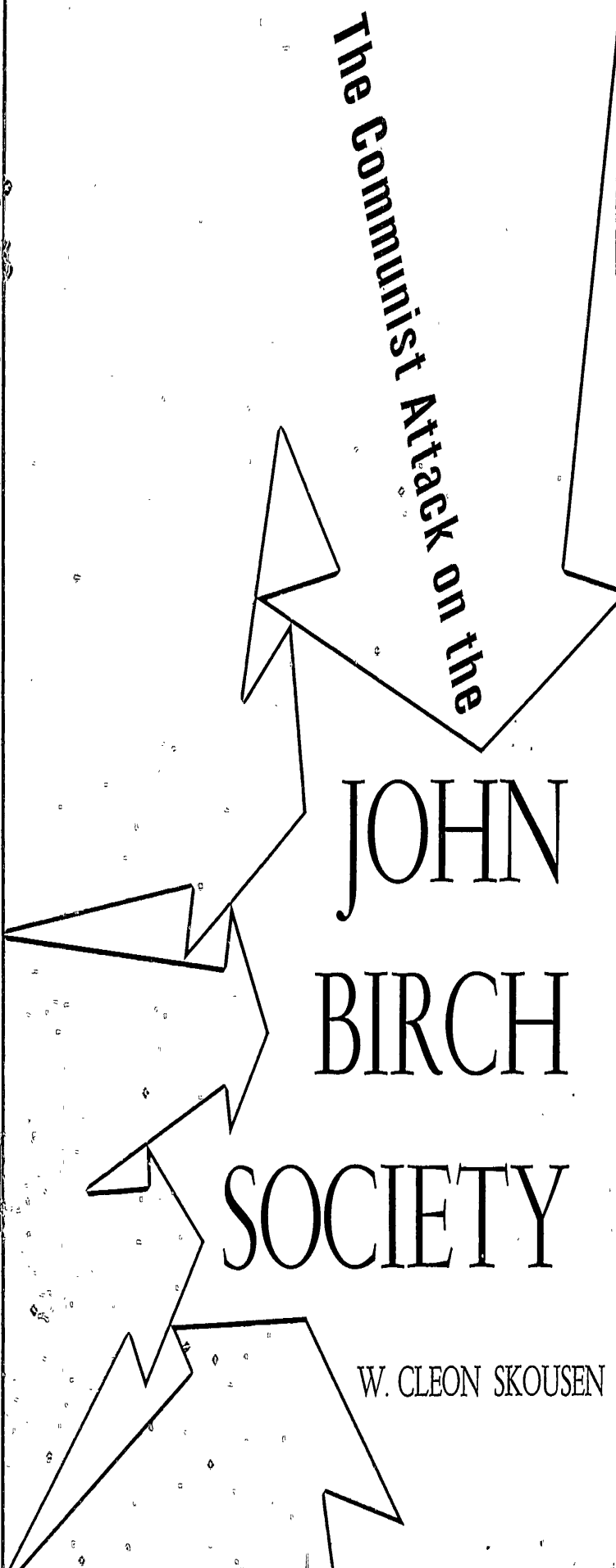
when he honestly doesn't know anything about them. In the case of the John Birch Society, those who editorialized or otherwise propagandized against "the terrible Birchers" usually did so without realizing they were promoting the official Communist Party line. And, as usual, this line turned out to be a carefully calculated deception designed to confuse the American people.

The Communist Party is manifestly frightened by the possibility of the people of the United States becoming awakened. Communist success has always been achieved in an atmosphere of secrecy, deceit and confusion. The John Birch Society was therefore one of the groups marked for annihilation because it was becoming highly successful in awakening the American people.

A former member of the Communist Party National Committee told me, "The Communist leaders look upon the stamping out of the John Birch Society as a matter of life and death for the Party."

Only two other groups have generated this much hate and fury from Communist leaders. One is the FBI, the other is the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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The Communist Attack on the

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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W. Cleon Skousen was educated in Canada, the United States and Mexico. He received his law degree from George Washington University and was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia.

He served in the FBI 16 years, became a member of the faculty of Brigham Young University in 1951, and was given a leave of absence to become Chief of Police in Salt Lake City in 1956. In 1960 he became the Editorial Director of LAW and Order, the most widely distributed police magazine in the U.S. He is also the author of several books including The Naked Communist and So You Want To Raise a Boy.

In the last two years Mr. Skousen has traveled and lectured in 29 foreign countries and 43 of the 50 states. His largest audience was 15,000 in the Hollywood Bowl.

may resign and get a proportional rebate of his annual dues."
(Page 18)

Why Have So Many People Joined?

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only organization through which they could join in as a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread." (Pages 61 and 62)

Who Launched the Smear Campaign Against the Society?

The report points out that the all-out attack against the John Birch Society was launched by the Communist Party in 1961.

"The attack against the John Birch Society commenced with an article in the *People's World*, California Communist paper, in February, 1961. . . ." (Pages 25 and 26)

Conclusion

Everything I have personally observed about the John Birch Society would confirm the conclusions reached by this California Senate report.

My final thought would be this:

I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wished to disagree with some idea promulgated by the John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of the international Communist conspiracy.

And even more important, no American should allow himself to become involved in debasing and ridiculing a group of fellow citizens

Welch*) points out, that he has stirred the slumbering spirit of patriotism in thousands of Americans, roused them from lethargy, and changed their apathy into a deep desire to first learn the facts about communism and then implement that knowledge with effective and responsible action." (Page 37)

Interviews with John Birch Members

"We have found the average member to have been concerned about the advances of the world Communist movement and the advances of Communist subversion in this country. The John Birch Society has provided the only organization with a militant program of study and action through which the frustrations of these people can be released."

The report says members do not accept everything Mr. Welch has said, "but their position is that despite this disagreement, he did conceive the movement, organize it, instill it with life, provide a national medium through which people can actually do something about the menace of Communism. The average member is firmly convinced that the real threat is not essentially abroad, but that since our foreign policies are evolved here, and as they are influenced here, and since our retreat from one European crisis after another has been engineered in Washington, then the problem must be faced in this country." (Pages 42 and 43)

Are Members Centrally Controlled or Disciplined?

"Communists are trained to obey a directive or a party assignment, whether they agree with it or not. Members of the (John Birch*) society are constantly told NOT to follow any program or directive unless they agree with it, as may be seen in many of the monthly bulletins sent to the members. When the policies and actions of the society are no longer supported by a member, he

*Parenthesis by author.

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committee investigators had found. This report attracted national attention in press, radio and TV during June, 1963.

Is the Birch Society Secret or Fascist?

Chairman Burns stated: "We have not found the Society to be either a secret or a fascist organization, nor have we found the great majority of its members in California to be mentally unstable, crackpots, or hysterical about the threat of Communist subversion." (Page 61)

Is the Society Anti-Semitic or Racist?

"Our investigations have disclosed no evidence of anti-Semitism on the part of anyone connected with the John Birch Society in California, and much evidence to the effect that it opposes racism in all forms." (Page 39)

What Kind of an Organization Is It?

"We find the John Birch Society to be a Right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization. It was conceived, organized, and is dominated by Mr. Robert Welch, who runs the society with the aid of a National Council and Advisory Committee, whose advice he is not, however, bound to follow." (Page 61)

What About Robert Welch?

"We have studied Welch's life, his business career, educational background, and have read almost everything he wrote—all his writings in connection with the society. We do not agree with much of what he wrote or what he has said, but we did not find him embittered, either through reading his writings or through personally interrogating him.

"There is no question, as National Review (which criticized Mr.

Cuba." Welch predicted that since Castro had been a member of the Soviet apparatus for many years he would undoubtedly betray the Cuban people into the clutches of the Soviet Union. Welch also insisted that since Castro's record was so notorious, the President and Secretary of State were playing into the trap of world Communism by supporting Castro.

Welch was equally critical of other decisions by President Eisenhower and his aides which had allowed unnecessary Communist gains. In a private communication to several of his friends he expressed the opinion that some of the national leaders were involved in outright Communist duplicity.

All of this occurred prior to the time the John Birch Society was organized and such opinions were therefore never part of the Society's policies or principles. Nevertheless, the critics of the John Birch Society continued to quote them as though they were typical of all John Birch members.

Welch Requests and Gets an Official Investigation

In the midst of the debate, Robert Welch suggested that a good way to settle the matter would be through an official Congressional investigation. Let people make their charges under oath. Welch said he would welcome an investigation and would answer under oath any question the members of Congress wished to ask him.

However, it was not the U.S. Congress, but the California State Legislature which finally decided to do the job.

Trained investigators were sent out by the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities. Their report came as a great shock to those people who had proclaimed that the attacks on the John Birch Society could be factually proven. They even had predicted that this California report would undoubtedly destroy the Birchers.

Hugh M. Burns (Democrat), chairman of the California Senate Factfinding Committee, used 61 pages of fine print to tell what his

I am not a member of the John Birch Society.

I have simply observed an avalanche of blistering propaganda which has totally confused millions of Americans.

Even a personal check among neighbors and friends will reveal that a vast quantity of well-educated, rational, religious people count it a shining virtue to hate the John Birch Society. Yet they admit knowing practically nothing about it.

The strange thing about the John Birch Society is that practically nobody paid any attention to it until the Communist Party officially ordered its annihilation.

Immediately the withering blast of scathing denunciation began pouring down upon this organization. And it came from all directions. For one solid year the press, radio and TV saturated the American mind with a continuous attack on the "terrible Birchers."

It seems to me the history of this attack contains a terribly sobering lesson for the American people.

How It All Began

I first heard of the John Birch Society in 1958.

Several prominent businessmen in Los Angeles told me they were organizing a study group program to see if they could work more closely with the members of Congress through both political

parties. They said they believed Americans should study legislation while it was up before Congress and not wait until it had been passed into law before they began complaining about it.

They told me these study groups were going to be set up all over the country and that each would be called a "chapter" of the John Birch Society.

These friends were doctors, lawyers, businessmen, dentists and very substantial people in their community.

I began paying attention to the literature and personalities of this organization to see what kind of group it might turn out to be.

It was not difficult to find out about the John Birch Society.

The organization published a "Blue Book" which described its purposes and the identity of its leadership. Members of its Council included many nationally prominent people, some of whom I knew personally.

The Blue Book was written by the founder and head of the John Birch Society, Robert Welch. Until his retirement in 1957, Mr. Welch was vice president in charge of sales and advertising for a large candy manufacturing firm. He had served on the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers, had traveled around the world extensively and had spent several years specializing in a study of Communism and Socialism. He had attended the Naval Academy and two universities—University of North Carolina and Harvard. He had published three books and served as editor and publisher of *American Opinion*, a monthly magazine designed to evaluate current events in terms of the world-wide struggle for power by the Communist-Socialist coalition.

I was told by officials of the John Birch Society that Mr. Welch was paid no salary by them even though he worked an 18-hour day.

A Secret Society?

I found that chapters of the John Birch Society were being built in each city around people who had already been studying Commu-

finally, why should the activities of the John Birch societies be described as "unsettling" when their only objective was to resist Communism and educate the public in preserving constitutional principles?

No organization is above criticism on some scores, but why would one of the foremost American news magazines resort to fictions and distortions within a week after similar fictions and distortions appeared in an official Communist periodical?

Feeding the Flame

The *Time* magazine article was further dignified on March 8, 1961, when Senator Milton Young of North Dakota had it appear in the Congressional Record. As other periodicals aimed their printer's ink at the John Birchers, Senator Young included their contributions in the Congressional Record also. This soon added up to a total of 17 full pages.

I noticed that a whole roster of favorite Communist smear terms began to find expression in the legitimate American press. These included: Fascists, Extremists, Super-patriots, Super-nationalists, Rightists, Extreme Rightists, Self-appointed Guardians of Freedom, Lunatic Fringe, Ultra-rightists, Patriotic Fanatics, etc.

In spite of these colorful epithets, however, some Americans began demanding concrete facts to back up these charges. They began asking what it was specifically that was so terrible about the John Birchers. Were they advocating force and violence like the Communists? Were they training a secret militia? Did they resort to bomb-plots or other kinds of terrorism? It was always a little disconcerting to the anti-Birchers when people did a little checking as I had done and discovered that the Society was primarily a study group program with a strong bias in favor of traditional American Constitutionalism.

Then the attack shifted its aim away from the Society itself and concentrated almost entirely on Robert Welch. The critics went back to some statements Welch had made around the time the Eisenhower Administration was backing Castro as "the George Washington of

as I read the first paragraph I knew the John Birch Society was in for a real professional tar-brush treatment:

"Among the U.S. brotherhoods dedicated to the fight against Communism, nothing is quite like the John Birch Society. Except for an elite corps of leaders, its members shun personal publicity and their names are held by the society in strictest secrecy. Its cells, of 20 to 30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name. Carefully avoiding normal channels of political action, the society accepts the hard-boiled, dictatorial direction of one man who sees democracy as a 'perennial fraud' and estimates that the U.S. is 40-60% Communist controlled. In other times, other places, the John Birch 'Americanists'—as they call themselves—might seem a tiresome, comic opera joke. But already the society admits to cells in 35 states, and its partisans have made their anonymous and unsettling presence felt in scores of U.S. communities." (Time magazine, postdated March 10, 1961, pp. 21-22)

It was immediately apparent even to an outsider that this article was no ordinary piece of reporting. Why did it call the chapters of the John Birch Society "cells" just like the article in the People's World? Why did it charge that the Birchers avoided "normal channels of political action" when their greatest success had been achieved by working with Congressmen in both parties? Why the non-specific charge that the Birchers promote "Communist-style front organizations"? What front organizations? I had heard of none. Why jerk a statement of Robert Welch completely out of context to make it look like he was against "democracy" when he was simply explaining that mass action without direction was never effective? And why the charge of "secrecy"? I knew that chapter meetings were neither secret nor closed. In fact, to disprove this charge 197 chapters in Southern California published their addresses in a Los Angeles newspaper. And

nism. These individuals then invited into the chapter the people who were interested in staying informed. They pledged themselves to work through their respective political parties to stop the advance of Communism and Socialism in the United States.

They seemed neither secret nor exclusive. In fact, I noted they were scouring the country for workers. One of their coordinators told me, "We are looking for all the people who are ready to do something besides just talk."

By the summer of 1960, the Society had attracted the attention of other conservative groups. A few were critical because they said the Birch people had rallied together most of the best informed and hardest working patriots in many cities. I observed, however, that members of the Society did not restrict their support to John Birch groups but seemed anxious to help other conservative movements succeed.

The first trickle of open publicity came from an article by Jack Mabley with the Chicago American. He wrote a column on July 26, 1960, in which he attacked Robert Welch and the John Birch movement. However, I did not see any further public criticism of the group until the Communist Party ordered the annihilation of the John Birchers six months later.

The John Birchers Take On The Communist Party

It is my personal opinion that the real cause of the wrath against the John Birch Society originated with a series of events in the Fall of 1960.

The Birchers learned that the Communist Party was working for the passage of a certain bill which was to be introduced as soon as Congress convened in January, 1961. This bill was designed to take away the funds of the House Committee on Un-American Activities so that it could not investigate the Communist Party. For many years the destruction of this particular committee had been a major project of Communists in this country. But since they had always failed in the

past they thought this compromise measure of taking most of the funds away from the committee would be a good stopgap measure. And for awhile it looked as though they might succeed.

Then the John Birch Society and other conservative groups began an all-out campaign to work through both parties to kill this bill. All through the Christmas vacation they continued the campaign. The success of these efforts became apparent when the bill came up for vote. Democrats and Republicans combined and beat the bill by a vote of 412 to 6. It was an overwhelming defeat for a favorite project of the Communist Party, USA.

Whether the John Birchers deserved all the credit for what happened is not so important, but the Communist Party gave them all the blame. I heard from friends who were close to the inner workings of the Communist Party that the Party bosses had sent out the word: "The John Birchers have 'got to go!'"

Moscow Orders an Attack on All Anti-Communists

Right at the time the John Birchers were trying to defeat this Communist-supported bill, a manifesto came out of Moscow from the conference of the 81 Communist parties of the world ordering a "resolute struggle against anti-Communism."

Edward Hunter analyzed this new directive for Congress and testified as follows:

"For the first time, the world Communist network, in a basic policy and operational document, specifically referred to the anti-Communist movement in the United States, recognizing that it had reached proportions large enough to constitute a main—if not the main—danger to Communist progress in our country. . . ." (The New Drive Against the Anti-Communist Program, Senate Judiciary Committee Report, July 11, 1961, p. 10)

The Moscow manifesto against anti-Communism came out in December, 1960, and one month later Nikita Khrushchev gave an im-

portant policy speech officially ordering all Communists to "resolutely unmask this anti-scientific and purely false ideology" of anti-Communism. He said:

"Bourgeois propaganda is assuming an increasingly cunning nature. Its main weapon in the struggle against the Socialist camp and the Communist Parties is anti-communism." (Analysis of the Khrushchev Speech of January 6, 1961, Senate Judiciary Committee Report, June 16, 1961, p. 74)

A short time later the opening blast against all anti-Communists in the United States was initiated by a concentrated attack on the John Birch Society.

Attack on the John Birch Society Begins

Because the Birch Society was practically unknown to the general American public I wondered how the Communist Party would launch its campaign. I had no idea that the legitimate American press would fall for the line which the Communists were about to broadcast.

On February 25, 1961, the official Communist newspaper on the West Coast called the *Daily People's World*, fired the opening broadside. The article was entitled, "ENTER (from Stage Right) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY."

The article depicted the John Birchers as a secret, Fascist society and said that it was setting up "cells" all across the country.

Of course, the *People's World* has a very limited distribution which would do little damage, but the thing which astonished me was the rapidity with which the transmission belt began to function so that this story was planted in one major news medium after another until finally even some of the more conservative papers had taken up the hue and cry.

In fact, the very next week *Time* magazine came out with a long article similar in many ways to the one in the *People's World*. As soon

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the RECORD.

GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury, the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake

of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

IV

We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

V

We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic. "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse,

without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: "This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way."

VI

We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

VII

We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to

be "for the greatest good of the greatest number." (Or in their power-seeking plans pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

IX

We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man

has either been able to improve himself and his environment, or has allowed both to deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

X

In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because

they are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes. For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

John Birch Society Investigated

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study.

A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.

2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.

3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.

4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.

5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.

6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.

7. All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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(F) ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- Information has been received that Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts; maintains an office at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and is editor and a director of the publication "American Opinion," which he irregularly publishes and issues of which have in the past contained anticommunist articles. Neither Welch nor his publication has been the subject of Bureau investigation. In January, 1959, he met with a group of leading industrialists of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area, at which time he lectured on communism, the urgent need for anticommunist action in the United States and his desires to establish ostensible communist front groups which in reality would be anticommunist groups. Welch indicated he is conducting a drive to obtain funds to be used for

anticommunist activity and that his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. No further information has been received indicating Welch's success in putting his program into effect.

The personnel of your office should be made aware of Welch's activities and contemplated plans. You must be certain that your employees are alerted to promptly report to the Bureau any information concerning further activity by Welch in this regard. In the event information is received regarding any activity of Welch in the furtherance of setting his plan into operation, no investigation should be made but the Bureau should be promptly advised.

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(C) ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign, Bufile 62-104401. Welch has written a manuscript entitled "The Politician," which is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. The Bureau is in possession of a copy of it. Therefore, if the manuscript is offered to you for reproduction purposes, it will not be necessary to send copies to the Bureau.

Welch also created an organization in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Chapters of this Society are coming into existence in various parts of the country. The Bureau has received several inquiries concerning the Society and is in possession of a copy of "The Blue Book," which sets forth information on the Society.

The above is furnished for information purposes. In the event a chapter of The John Birch Society is organized in your territory, the Bureau should be notified promptly and furnished a resume of the chapter's activities. The Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. No investigation should be conducted.

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SAC LETTER NO. 60-5

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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John Birch Society Unit Organizes in Quad-Cities

The John Birch Society, a semi-secret organization dedicated to combatting Communism, has drawn the interest of some Quad-City residents, it was learned today.

It is known that a chapter has been formed in the Quad-Cities.

The Society, founded by retired candy company executive, Robert W. Welch, 61, of Belmont, Mass., has created nation-wide attention, both in the press and in the halls of Congress.

As set out by Founder Welch, the Society's objective is simply less government and more responsibility.

But it is tied closely with a drive to combat and destroy international Communism, it is pointed out.

However, some of its methods have incurred criticism in public and on the floor of the U. S. House of Representatives. It has drawn fire for a reported campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The Society was organized Dec. 9, 1958, at Indianapolis. It was named after John Birch, a young missionary from Georgia who served as an intelligence officer in China in World War II. He was killed by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J Day at the age of 27.

It is reported that the Society now has from one to 100 chapters in 34 states, including the

Quad-Cities, and the District of Columbia.

It has been denounced as extremist by some. However, at least 12 of its council are men who are listed in Who's Who in America. They include Spruille Braden, former U.S. ambassador; T. Coleman Andrews, former internal revenue chief; Clarence Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame University Law School.

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Memo SAC

From SA [redacted]

John
RE: Birch Society
DM, Iowa

100-2585414

On 6/21/61, [redacted] of [redacted] DM, Iowa contacted the writer and advised he had been a clerical employee with the Bureau at one time and was now working for [redacted] DM, Iowa.

He said he had been contacted by a ~~fr~~ business ~~acq~~ acquaintance of his by name of [redacted] of [redacted] DM, Iowa who wanted him to attend a ~~next~~ meeting of the Birch Society in DM which would be on the night of 6/21/61 in the East Des Moines Club in DM at 6:30PM. [redacted] told [redacted] he had been to meetings and asked [redacted] to come along. [redacted] said he was not going to the meeting and just wanted to let us know about the society being in DM apparently.

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Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen

Lodge No _____

Aug. 7, 1961

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[Redacted]
Berwign, Ill.

Dear Sir and Brother:

After reading your letters of May 27, 1961 and June 3, 1961 It comes to my feeble brain that you took one hell of a long time to drop said letters in the P. O. box as the envelope came under date of Aug 5, 1961.

I don't know just what the hell your idea is in sending out this sort of garbage, but I do feel as though I should answer your tripe.

In politics you are as far off base as a man can get and I would suggest that in the future you buy a newspaper and read it or if you can't have somebody do it for you. Personally I vote Independent. History will show you that 'Ike' spent more money than any other peace time President, also that the said named person while in the Army never commanded so much as a Company of men (250). So to me you don't know just what the hell you are talking about on that score.

Now as far as Cuba, Laos, Korea, etc. goes you further show to me that somebody else put the words of your letter in your big trap. Cuba and Laos were the net results of the so called peace party; and anybody could have settled the deal in Korea if willing to kiss the Commies Ass as did 'Ike'. You mentioned H. Hoover. In more likelihood you were one of the lucky ones that had a job and could buy bread for a nickel a loaf, where as most people didn't have the said nickel.

I take it that you xxxx are a died in the wool Republican and believe in saving, but do you return your Pension check to the Gov't. every month? and as far as griping about Wars are you a Veteran? I doubt it, more than likely a veteran of the mile hog division. No Sir I am sorry but I believe that yours truly spent more time in the Chow Lines Overseas than you ever thought about being Patriotic. In other words I don't think much of myself for even answering you because the boys in white have in more likelihood put you away by now.

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s for being a Retired Trainman, I wonder whether it is as a Brakeman
or as a Transiet (Bum) ? Kindly advise.

Just:





Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen

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Aug. 14, 1961

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[Redacted]
Berwyn, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter under date on the envelope of Aug. 11, 1961 arrived today, and while you dissappoint me in not answering the questions that I put to you, the literature and Mr. Walter Trohan's column in the Chicago Tribune of July 23, 1961 do interest me.

If by any chance you have more of same would you please send same to me.

I consider myself as a liberal voter or independent, but I never took an interest in politics until the last few years, hence I don't consider myself very well informed.

However I do take exception to the attack upon former Pres. F. D. R. as to me he helped the working man more than any other Pres. However 38 Months of my life was put in the Service.

In all of your line of bitches about the Gov't. you didn't mention 'Ike'. Why not? He spent more than any other pease time Pres. Or am I missinformed?

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I Remain

Sincerely Yours

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Aug. 14, 1961

Dear Sir:

100-0-Sub 5414a, 5248E,

I have recieved communications from a [redacted] of Berwyn, Ill. and it finally came out that he is or represent the John Birch Society. Now my question is whether or not this sack of nuts are subversive or not?

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Enclosed are my two answers to him under date of Aug. 7 and 14, 1961.

This outfit want \$ 6.00 from me to get a pamphlet every month and to join it, I suppose. Also I am to line up patriotic men to join.

I spent 38 Months in the service 31 overseas and it gripes my arse to get this sort of mail. Being Secy. of our Local Union is in more likelihood the reason that I got it.

If there is anyway that I can be of assistance to your office in this matter I would like to do so. What I had in mind is joining or having you send a man to see me and I would send his name in as a prospective member. If you want me to join please enclose \$ 6.00 as that is what their paper costs a year. Also I would expect you to reinburst me for any and all money that I would lose in this venture. My Service number is [redacted] and at one time an agent of the C. I. D. tried to talk me into joining that outfit. I. Q. Army [redacted]

Please acknowledge as I don't go for this sort of bull----

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100-0-Sub 5414a, 5248E,
Sincerely Yours.

100-0-Sub 5414a, 5248E,

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August 21, 1961


Clinton, Iowa

Dear 

I have received your letter dated August 14, 1961, with enclosures, and the interest prompting you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I must also advise that I cannot authorize you to act in any official capacity for the FBI, but I want to assure you that citizens can be of great aid to us in our work by making available information that you believe indicative of criminal or subversive activities within our investigative jurisdiction. If you obtain such data, do not hesitate to contact the representatives of our office located at 1010 Federal Office Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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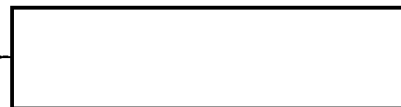
Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. . A copy of his correspondence and its enclosures are being sent for your information in the event he contacts your office or should you desire to develop him as a source of information.

BODE, IOWA

Dear Sir,

~~100-568541A, 5248E~~
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I am ~~writing~~ a term paper
on the John Birch Society and I
would like to know where I could
find information on this subject.
Our teacher said you might be
able to help me on this. The term
paper has to be handed in on the
first of January so I would appreciate
it if you would send this in-
formation soon. I am enclosing a
stamped, addressed envelope. Thank-You
for your help.



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1010 Federal Office Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska
December 1, 1961

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Bode, Iowa.

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter inquiring as to where you could obtain information on the John Birch Society has been received.

We do not have any information as to where you could write to obtain information on the John Birch Society.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. The FBI makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual, or publication.

Very truly yours,

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THOMAS J. GEARTY
Special Agent in Charge

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[Redacted]
Algona, Iowa.
Dec. 1, 1961.

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F. B. I.
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sirs:

I am a Garrigan High School Junior
interested in some information for
a term paper. Could you please
send me information on the John
Buck Society. If not, please tell
me where I can get some. It
would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
[Redacted]

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1010 Federal Office Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska

December 7, 1961

[redacted]
Algona, Iowa

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated December 1, 1961,
and your interest in indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication, or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not issue clearances or non-clearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with regulations of the United States Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS J. GEARTY²
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO



DATE:

April 1 1964

FROM :

Chr



Re: John Birch Society -



SUBJECT:

Here's the pamphlet I got in the mail.

I certainly want nothing to do with this organization
& have no idea who this is from.

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John Birchites As Policemen

The John Birch Society evidently is making a special effort to recruit police officers as members. A national official of the society claims a "substantial number" of its members are policemen and says "growing numbers" are joining up from police and sheriff's departments throughout the country.

The society keeps membership details secret, so the claims may be exaggerated. But Birch Society membership has been verified among police in at least two cities—Santa Ana, Cal., and Philadelphia, Penn. About 25 police officers in Santa Ana belong to the society and 14 or 15 have been identified as members in Philadelphia.

The experience with the Birchite police officers in Santa Ana should be a warning to police departments faced with Birch Society recruiting drives. An investigator for the city manager's office reports that Birch members on the force joined in a concerted campaign of harassment to force the police chief out and have him replaced with a chief they could control. Activities of the Birchites included taking over the top offices of the police benevolent association and using the association's news bulletin for coded messages condemning the chief.

Many police forces are governed by departmental rules or state laws that prohibit political activity on the part of police. Philadelphia officials are considering dismissal action against Birch policemen on the ground that membership in the society constitutes a violation of the ban against partisan political activity by city workers. New York officials believe the city's prohibition against police joining "any organization that is politically motivated, whether left-wing or right-wing" covers the John Birch Society. The Iowa law, which covers peace officers under civil service, prohibits contributions "directly or indirectly . . . to any campaign or political committee."

Whether the John Birch Society is a political organization or not, it seems clear that its members have a highly developed sense of loyalty to the group that borders on fanaticism. No police force can tolerate divided loyalty among its men nor permit outside direction of its work. Local police officials have every right to inquire closely into why the Birch Society should seek police members and why any officer should want to join this extremist outfit.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

18 Des Moines Tribune
Des Moines, Iowa

Date: 11-19-64

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Author:

Editor: Kenneth MacDonald

Title:

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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November 17, 1964

Founder

ROBERT WELCH

The Council

N. E. ADAMSON, JR.

THOMAS J. ANDERSON

T. COLEMAN ANDREWS

SPRUILLE BRADEN

FRANK CULLEN BROPHY

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REVILO P. OLIVER

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J. NELSON SHEPHERD

JAMES SIMPSON, JR.†

ROBERT W. STODDARD*

CHARLES B. STONE, III

PAUL H. TALBERT

*Executive Committee

†Deceased

Mr. De Lard, Agent in Charge

FBI

Federal Office Building
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Mr. De Lard:

We have been members of the John Birch Society for several years, as we believe in the fundamental American ideals stressed by the Society. Recently, the Society has come under a sustained attack from various directions — one of which was from the President.

This letter is simply to inform you of our membership in the JBS. Should you receive or become aware of any information which would establish that the Society is subversive and/or anti-American, then we certainly would appreciate your informing us. Thank you very much.

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Omaha, Neb. 68132

1010 Federal Office Building
Omaha, Nebraska, 68102

November 24, 1964

[redacted]
Omaha, Nebraska 68132

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Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1964.

In accordance with your desire, your letter is being made a part of the records of the Omaha FBI Office.

Your thoughtfulness and courtesy in writing me as you did are sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

CH
CHARLES H. DE FORD
Special Agent in Charge

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December 2, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
439 Post Office Building
Lincoln, Nebraska

RE: The John Birch Society

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Gentlemen:

Recently the John Birch Society has come under severe attack by the press, political figures and even Capitol Hill. Hence this letter.

My wife [] and I have been John Birch Society members for some time and feel that it is trully an American organization dedicated to the halt, stemming of the tide, and final destruction of the Communist infiltration of the United States and other countries. This, of course, is one of the missions of the FBI.

If your department should have information to the contrary as to our beliefs of the Society, please advise us. If, at a later date such information should come into your hands we would appreciate being advised.

It is also requested that this letter become a part of your files.

Thank you.



Lincoln, Nebraska

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SA [REDACTED]

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re letter from [REDACTED]

Lincoln, Nebraska dated 12/2/64.

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two [REDACTED] PROSAB source, TFIS source
and [REDACTED] advised, on 11/24/64, he had been invited to a
JBS meeting at the home of [REDACTED]. The meeting was to be
held in the next night or so. He advised that for want of a better thing
to do he would go but he had no interest in the outfit. On 12/4/64
[REDACTED] advised that the purpose of the meeting was apparently to
inspire interest in the organization locally as it has no Lincoln Chapter.
One [REDACTED] *28 Sep 1 T* from Omaha, Nebraska who is [REDACTED] for Kansas and
Nebraska handled the meeting and showed 3 reels of film by ROBERT WELCH.
[REDACTED] advised there were only a very few persons there and none except
the [REDACTED] expressed much interest. He advised that he considered both
[REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] to be "Kooky" and he [REDACTED], left after the second
film as he had seen enough.

The files of the Lincoln Credit Bureau checked on 12/4/64 accord-
ing to [REDACTED] clerk, show that [REDACTED] has been employed by the
Crawford Company as a [REDACTED] for several years in
Greensboro, North Carolina, later in Omaha, Nebraska where OMAHA lived at
[REDACTED] and has been in Lincoln since May, 1964 where his
office is in the Lincoln Building. [REDACTED] is a housewife and

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they have two minor children a boy and girl. His age was shown as 27 and her age as 29, according to an Omaha Credit Report.

Above for information purposes.

(2) HJO

February 6th, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Office Bldg.

Room 1010

Omaha, Nebraska

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100-6825
Dear Sir: *W* 100-6825-21

I am considering joining the John Birch Society. I would like you to answer a few questions for me. Is the John Birch Society on your subversive list? I

Communism really a problem anymore?
In what kind of activities and functions does the Society participate in Omaha? Is the Society a reputable organization? I would appreciate your help in answering the questions for me as soon as possible. Thank you.
Please send to:



Lincoln, Nebraska

Sincerely, *[Signature]*



1010 Federal Office Building
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
February 10, 1965

[redacted]
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear [redacted]

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated
February 6, 1965.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that in accordance with a Department regulation, data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and no inference will be drawn because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Furthmore, for your information, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a fact-finding agency and does not issue evaluations or clearance of organizations, individuals or publications.

In the event you would like to have a copy of the list of organizations which now have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20535.

Very truly yours,

C. H. DE FORD
Special Agent in Charge

1 [redacted]
① Omaha (100-6825)

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Birch Society Here Extends Anonymous Invitation to Join

By BILL KREIFEL

Lincoln has historically enjoyed a certain amount of freedom from involvement in controversial national issues and organizations, but times are changing.

Lincolnites, like Americans almost everywhere in the U.S., find it easier every day to become involved with such issues and groups . . . like the John Birch Society, for example.

By answering a small newspaper advertisement carried in the "personals" section, you will receive:

—An invitation to join the John Birch Society.

—A copy of remarks made by a California congressman

in the U.S. House of Representatives on the beliefs and principles of the Society.

—An application for membership in the Liberty Book Club of the Liberty Bell Book Store of Omaha.

—A 16-page magazine-size pamphlet, replete with color pictures, entitled: "The John Birch Society—A Report."

—A copy of "Stop, Look and Listen," a folder which includes a table on "Communist influence as a percentage of total control" of various nations of the world.

The organization's newspaper ad is simple:

"Are you concerned?" it asks. "If so, contact John Birch Society." The ad then

lists a postoffice box number.

A short letter sent to the box number brought the above items of information, but no indication of the identity of local Birchers. Even the handwritten invitation to join the Society was unsigned.

Tenets Outlined

The copy of remarks made during the second session of the 87th Congress by then Rep. (R-Calif.) John H. Rousselot was "not printed at government expense," according to a notation it bears in parentheses.

Rousselot later defeated at the polls, made the remarks on June 12, 1962. They dealt with the strong anti-Communist principles and beliefs of the John Birch Society and included a summary of Birch principles.

" . . . we are striving, by all honest means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility and a better world.

"Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level."

This information, sheet, which it is noted can be purchased in any quantity at one cent each, also contains a report of an investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif., by a private investigating firm.

According to that agency report, the Birch group was found to be an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings. It is not a secret organization and is formed of independent chapters, the report says.

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The investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, reported that many allegations and rumors against the Society could not be supported by fact and that the organization "is growing continuously and steadily."

According to the report, investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the Birchers.

Book Club

Under terms of the membership application for the Liberty Book Club included in the Birch "package," at least four book selections or alternate books must be purchased yearly by members. Members can cancel membership, however, after buying the minimum four publications.

A book list and information sheet from the Liberty Bell Book Store of Omaha points out that books offered through the club "are not usually found in ordinary outlets.

"Many of these," says the sheet, "are great, Americanist authors' writings, which have been killed by the press, either through silence or attack."

Some of the selections listed include: "Brainwashing in the High Schools"; "Common Sense and the Crisis"; "Betrayal at the U.N."; "Facts About Communism and Our Churches"; "Yalta Betrayal"; "Which Way, Young Americans"; "World Gone Crazy"; "Toward Soviet America"; "Collectivism in the Churches"; "Collectivism on the Campus"; and "The Decline of the American Republic."

The list also includes McGuffey's Readers from the primer through the sixth level.

Birch Biography

The 16-page report on the Birch Society includes a brief background of the late Capt. John Birch of the U.S. Army, for whom the Society is named, and the front page bears a large color picture of him in uniform.

Among subjects included in the pamphlet, the report touches briefly on Robert Welch, founder of the Society; the organization of the group; "action programs" of the Society and answers to "Why Have So Many Joined?" and "Why Should I Get Involved?"

The folder entitled "Stop, Look and Listen," which describes Communism as "simply a huge, dirty boil on the body of mankind," contains a map which the Birchers say reveals that the Communists are completing their planned conquest of the world.

Both the map and accompanying list showing Communist influence in various nations were reprinted from the 1964 "scoreboard" edition of "American Opinion," according to the Birch folder.

According to the printed list, Communist influence rates 50% to 70% of total control in the U.S.

The price of that folder is a nickel.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (100-6825)

DATE: 3/31/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 3/31/65 [REDACTED] Sales Department, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, who resides [REDACTED] Omaha, Nebraska, contacted the Office concerning the above captioned organization. He stated that he had a chance to join the John Birch Society and attend the meeting on 3/10/65. He said this meeting was attended by approximately 17 people and that the organizer of this meeting was an individual by the name of [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Omaha, Nebraska. He said that [REDACTED] informed him that he was [REDACTED] for the John Birch Society in the Omaha area. He said that he was informed by [REDACTED] that the John Birch Society was organized into cells of approximately ten to fifteen members and the membership in the organization was kept confidential. He went on to say that according to [REDACTED] the members of one cell would not know the members of any other cells in the Omaha area or throughout the nation. He said that membership in the John Birch Society was ten dollars per year and that they had a book store in Omaha known as the Liberty Bell Book Store, 113½ North 40th Street, Omaha. He stated that this book store has pamphlets and publications from fifty cents on up to ten dollars.

[REDACTED] stated that he had no intentions to join this organization, however he did attend the meeting on 3/10/65 at which time he listened to the comments about the organization presented by [REDACTED]. He said that he also watched a movie on the John Birch Society which lasted for one and a half hours. He said that he did not like the idea of the John Birch Society because of the secrecy of membership. He did however, state that he believed the organization is trying to appeal to religious individuals. He said at this particular meeting that he attended, there were two clergymen in attendance. However, he stated he did not know the names of either minister.

[REDACTED] was thanked for the above mentioned information and stated if he obtained any additional information on this organization he would make it available to the FBI.

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Lost a ring in platinum setting, has
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small diamonds. 488-1209. 9am or 5:30-
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Make sure you are properly informed
before you condemn the John
Birch Society. Write P. O. Box 1541,
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Personnel Department
Washington, D.C.

[redacted]
Lincoln
Nebraska

Dear Sir,

We are writing to inquire about the possibilities of becoming under-cover agents in the John Birch Society and/or the Minutemen organizations.

One of us is an ex-serviceman and the other is a college student. We belong to no such organizations at the present time, but we believe that with our backgrounds, we could get into one of these organizations with ease.

We are not enclosing our names because we do not want to be unduly investigated until we are advised as to your reaction to our letter.

Please do not consider this a crank letter as we are sincere in our intent.

[redacted]
Lincoln, Nebraska



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June 23, 1965

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Lincoln, Nebraska

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Dear Sirs:

Your letter of June 16th has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence.

The interest which prompted you to write is appreciated; however, I must advise that it will not be possible for Mr. Hoover to authorize you to work in any capacity for the FBI. You can, however, be of assistance by reporting any information which comes to your attention that you believe would be of assistance to the FBI to representatives of our office located at 1010 Federal Office Building, Omaha, Nebraska 68102.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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'Birchers Must Swing Parties Back to Right'

By Duane Snodgrass

"Despite attacks upon us, the John Birch Society will continue its battle to put both political parties back in their proper spot," one of the organizers of the society said in Omaha Thursday.

He is Robert D. Love of Wichita, Kans., a member of the society's national council.

"Both parties—and there's no difference between them—are hanging today on a pendulum that has swung far to the left. With truth as our weapon, the John Birch Society will swing the parties back to where they belong—further to the right," Mr. Love said.

Answers Attacks

In answer to recent attacks made upon the society by Republican Senators Everett Dirksen and Thurston B. Morton and Representative Gerald Ford, Mr. Love said:

"The more the John Birch Society is attacked, the stronger it grows. The attack by the politicians is to be expected because few politicians have any guiding principles of their own and they have to reflect the views of people who vote for them."

The three lawmakers recently said that there is no place in the GOP for the John Birch Society.

'Right in the Tail'

Senator Morton, Senate GOP campaign chairman, said it's time for Republicans to kick the society "right square in the tail."

The John Birch Society, he said, is "as dangerous as the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist Party," and charged the society with infiltrating the GOP.

The American people, Mr.



—World-Herald Photo.

Love . . . "Side with us."

Love said, "just won't accept these attacks upon us. When somebody goes after us, the people start looking at the facts and end up siding with us."

Mr. Love said that the society's membership rolls bear out his statement.

"We have a membership of more than 100 thousand today. And our membership has increased at least 30 per cent since the November election," he said.

'Not All Republicans'

He pointed out that the bulk of the society's members "live either on the East or West Coast. We're not as solid here in the Midwest, probably because people here are just more conservative by nature."

Mr. Love said "it should be

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remembered" that not all members of the John Birch Society are Republicans.

"We have Birchers who are Republicans and Birchers who are Democrats. And we have Birchers who represent every race, color and religious faith.

"That's why, when we organized the John Birch Society in December, 1958, we knew that, as a group, we could never be in politics."

Mr. Love was in Omaha to speak at a Thursday evening dinner meeting of the Omaha Current Affairs Committee.

'Somebody Put the Pressure On'

Mr. Love was originally invited to Omaha to address the Douglas County Women's Republican Club but the invitation was withdrawn a week ago by Robert W. Hasebroock, Douglas County Republican Chairman.

Mr. Love said Thursday that "the first time I knew that the Republican Party here had withdrawn the invitation to speak was when I read a news story in The World-Herald."

He said he received "a formal withdrawal from Mr. Hasebroock last Sunday in a letter dated October 1."

"Your Republican leaders here knew a long time ago that I was coming. They permitted the invitation to be sent to me. But somebody, somewhere, put the pressure on them to stop my appearance before the Republican Women's Club," Mr. Love said.

Mr. Hasebroock earlier said the invitation was "strictly a misunderstanding" and that it wasn't realized "that our policy for organizations is to invite speakers who are going to relate activities to the Republican Party problems. We're not concerned . . . with providing a forum for other groups."

'Americans Trading Freedom for Benefits'

Mr. Love said Thursday night the role of Government has increased because the American people have failed to seek out truth and have not exercised the self-control necessary to withstand programs which offer benefits in exchange for basic freedoms.

He told 110 persons at a society-sponsored meeting at the Holiday Inn that the result has been a continuing trend to socialism and constant Commerce Commission.

Americans, he said, are basically conservative, but they have learned to accept programs which appear to benefit themselves while abhorring those which divert tax money to other uses.

A case in point, he said, involves many older persons who denounce urban renewal programs and other similar Government-sponsored plans, but accept increased social security because it promises them benefits.

The trend to the left can't be changed in the first year, or in two years, he said, "but if we can get two or three per cent of the people to change their thinking each year, we are accomplishing our objective."

Witthoff: No Birch Policy

'Society Isn't Trying to Rule State GOP'

Nebraska Republican Party Chairman Walter Witthoff said Monday the John Birch Society "has made no effort to take over" the state GOP.

He said he knows of eight or 10 Birch Society members among the 98 persons on the Nebraska Central Committee.

"But until they commit some act that warrants action, there are no grounds for attempts to remove them," said Mr. Witthoff. "It might be difficult to do," he added. "A lot of them are elected."

The party chairman said the Central Committee had not adopted any policy in regard to the Birch Society and probably would not unless it becomes a problem.

"It's a matter of waiting and seeing," he said.

Mr. Witthoff's comments were prompted by a national survey by the Associated Press which indicated the Birch Society "packs little punch within the GOP."

He said it is difficult to determine how many John Birch members there are in Nebraska. "Some admit membership, some don't," he said.

Mr. Witthoff said he had asked John Birch officials for an estimate of state membership several times, but had not received an answer.

"We know that they're active," he said, "but it is difficult to determine to what extent they are growing."

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John Birch Leader Hits Red Actions

The civil rights movement has been strongly Communist-influenced and many of the leaders of Negro groups in it were either at one time Communists or connected with Communist front organizations, a Birch Society leader said in Davenport Wednesday night.

John H. Rousselot, former California congressman and now national director for public relations for the John Birch Society, spoke to a crowd variously estimated between 300 and 600 persons attending a meeting sponsored by Quad-City chapters of the Birch Society at Hotel Blackhawk Wednesday night.

"There is nothing wrong with civil rights, but there is a great deal wrong with what is being done in the name of civil rights," Rousselot said.

Cites Communist Links

The speaker spent considerable time dealing with national leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and other groups.

His theme was that Communists never had a desire to help Negroes, and that many Negro leaders defected from the Reds when they became aware of it. The real objective of the Communists, he said, was to encourage big government and unlawful and unwarranted extensions of federal power.

Positive Side

"The positive side of the Negro's position in the U. S. should be emphasized more. There are more Negro doctors and lawyers, more Negro college graduates, Negro home owners in this country than any place else in the world," Rousselot said.

Joseph S. Kimmel Sr. introduced the speaker while the invocation was by Kenneth Hamann. Harry J. Frank II was chairman of the committee in charge of the meeting.

Rousselot said there are about 40 to 50 Birch chapters in Iowa, with a total membership of perhaps 1,250 persons. He said most Iowa chapters meet once or twice a month, usually in the home of one of the members.

"We started slowly in Iowa for some reason," he said, "and because of that we have not had much development here yet."

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TO : FILE

FROM : SAC C. W. BATES

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

DATE: 11/29/65

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On 11/26/65, [redacted]
[redacted] Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, called.
He stated that in the recent Birch Society Bulletin a suggestion was made that an organization be set up to "tell the truth about civil turmoil." This group will be known as "Tact." It will be an anti-civil rights organization and is being set up by Birch Society groups throughout the country.

[redacted] informed that the Birch Society was very weak here but he felt that we should have this information.

ACTION:

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Nebraska Claims 125 Society Chapters

Lincoln (AP)—Richard Beem of Omaha, regional coordinator for the John Birch Society, said here Wednesday Nebraska has between 15 hundred and 25 hundred persons in 125 state chapters of the society.

Mr. Beem said there are 12 society chapters in Omaha and three in Lincoln, with the state chapters averaging between 12 and 20 members each.

He said about six more chapters are formed in the state each month.

Mr. Beem attended a press conference here for John H. Rousselot, national director of public relations for the John Birch Society. Mr. Rousselot was in Lincoln to address a University of Nebraska student audience.

Mr. Rousselot said the Communist Party is making its major American thrusts in civil rights, peace movements, union activities and youth movements on college campuses.

He said the society, which now claims a membership approaching 100 thousand, has had "a great deal of success" in alerting the American people to the threat of communism.

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Roscoe, Nebraska 69159

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on July 25th and I want to thank you for the very favorable comments. I appreciate the high regard which you hold for my administration of this Bureau and am encouraged by your support.

I can understand the concern for the welfare of our Nation which prompted your letter and am glad to receive this information. Your enclosures are being returned in accordance with your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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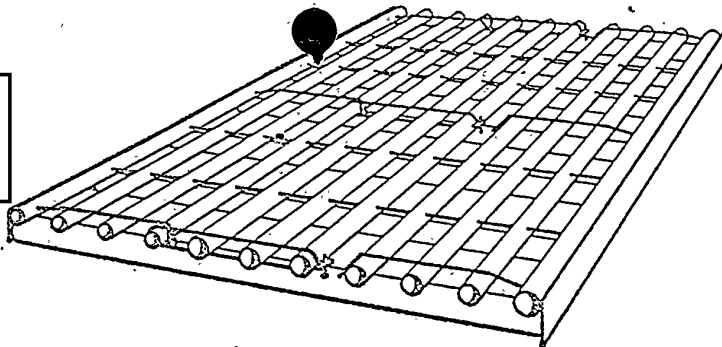
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ROSCOE, NEBRASKA

PHONE [REDACTED]



July 18, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover;

Dear Sir, I wish to thank you for answering my other two letters. ✓ 100-6825

I am a member of the John Birch Society for the time being and have decided that I do not like the type of people who are into it.

I am a devout anti-communist and was looking for some organized group that may be effective in fighting communism.

The Birchers scare me a little bit but I am not going to say any thing against them in public for fear it might help the communists.

They are very active through out our area and do have a considerable influence on the thinking of the public whether the public realizes it or not.

What I am more concerned about was a broadcast on June the 30th on K.R.V.N. radio, Lexington, Nebr. I am enclosing a letter addressed to the editor of the North Platte Telegraph and letter of confirmation on the program.

If your are interested in my prying into thease matters of the different groups operating in our area, then have one of your most trusted agents get in touch with me.

I know that you have to be very careful sending things through the mail for fear that some unscrupolus persons may use them for propaganda pourposes.

I feel that our country is in grave trouble and would like very much to help in any way that I can as well as many other people if we knew just how and whom we can trust.

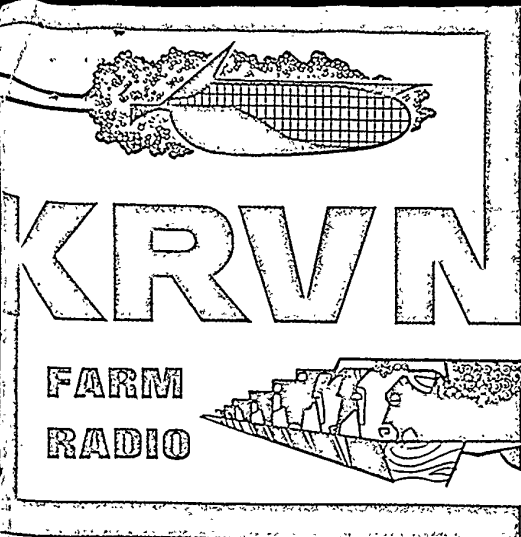
We do not like the idea of Sen McCarthy threatening to fire you if he is elected. We feel that if this happens, he will clean out all records of communist activity. You are highly respected I know for sure in the farming states and I feel you deserve much more credit than what some people want to give today. I do not know what will happen to us after you are gone but the Lord willing we hang on to our precious freedom at what ever cost and hardship. 100-6825-364

Very Respectfully Yours,

PS Please return enclosures. [REDACTED]

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THE RURAL VOICE OF NEBRASKA



FM 46,000 WATTS
AFFILIATED WITH KEIR SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

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Roscoe, Nebraska

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Dear [Redacted]

Under separate cover, we are sending you a copy of the tape that was broadcast Sunday, June 20th by the "Rural Nebraskans for Peace in Vietnam". The copy of the tape will be \$4.50.

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The Rural Nebraskans for Peace in Vietnam started their program on November 12, 1967, and have been running weekly ever since.

The officers of the organization are: Rev. [Redacted] St. Paul United Methodist Church, South Sioux City, Nebraska; [Redacted] Chairman, Rt. 2, Shelton, Nebraska, and [Redacted] Treasurer, Newman Grove, Nebraska

In checking our files, we find that we do not have scripts for these broadcasts and that is why we have kept copies of their tapes. If there is any other information you desire, let us know and we will try to get it for you.

*Copy made & sent
Kansas City 2/14/69
in Omaha file 100-7437*

Sincerely,

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ROSCOE, NEBRASKA

PHONE [REDACTED]

Dear Editor;

I would like to write an open letter to Mr David Stevenson History Prof Kearney State Teachers College, in regard to the broadcast of June 30th by the " Rural Nebraskans for Peace in Vietnam" of which he was the speaker on this program. [REDACTED] was kind enough to send a taped copy at my request, along with a letter of confirmation. This letter states that the officers of this organization are; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chairman, [REDACTED] South Sioux City, Nebraska; [REDACTED] Chairman, [REDACTED] Shelton, Nebraska, and [REDACTED] Treasurer, Newman Grove, Nebraska.

First I wish to say that K.R.V.N. is performing a great service to their listeners by allowing the different points of view to be brought to the attention of the listening public.

Since this is an open letter I wish to make clear that questions I will ask are taken from portions of the tape and can be said to be taken out of context of the over all message.

Mr. Stevenson; we all agree that we have made a mistake in the Vietnam war but for many different reasons which each has his own.

Why do you say that ~~Communism~~, and I quote from the tape, Quote, Communism gave original dignity to backward nations, introduced western industrialization through social revolution with an ideology non racist, non militarist, and super national?

Why do you say that we should, and I Quote, Scrap the ideology of anti-Communism and see Communism as it really is, then Communism will be seen as something like nationalism, industrialization, etc. as a force we can take advantage of and use for our own purposes.

What is Communism really? Communism involves social reform via revolution.

The social reform along Marxists lines involves state ownership of the means of production. Peasants prefer this to old futilism, and industrialists require state assistance in countries where there is no middle class rich enough to provide necessary capital. Revolution is required because the native elite classes, foreign rulers and companies do not bow out gracefully.

Are native Communists movements and successes necessarily hostile to American interests? I say no, because if they were, America would be committed to uphold the status-quo throughout the world.

United States has actually driven all native Communists movements toward Russia and China by proping up unpopular status-quo regimes. Look at Cuba, and Vietnam.

Fortunately Russia and China soon proved their fallibility and a patient America wins back trade and friendship.

People complain when American Ideals are violated by permitting countries to become Communist, well where are these idealists when we support vile dictators, which are anti-communist?

In conclusion ladies and gentlemen what am I asking for? What can we Americans do to promote a safer happier world? I am asking that we Americans

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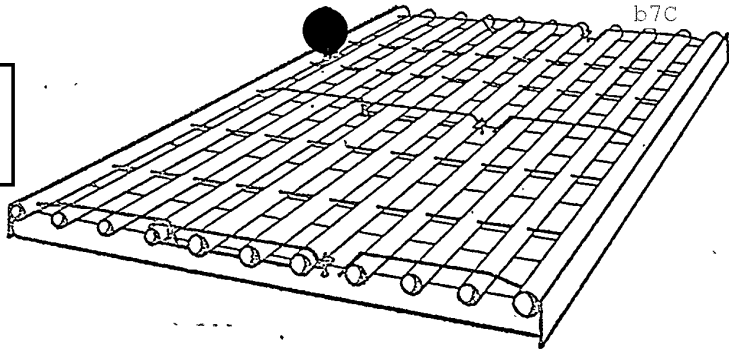
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ROSCOE, NEBRASKA

PHONE [REDACTED]



starting with you and your, and you listeners and your friends lok at the many reform and revolution movements in the world as they really are. Let us take off our blood colored glasses of terrified anti-communism. Let us emance America,----- nancepate American patriotism from the prison with blood stained windows, the prison of negative anti-communism. If we do this we shall be makeing the nessesary first step to unstick us from the Vietnam war. We shall be seeing the world as it really is and we will be seeing ourselves as we really are and this truth will make us free. (unquote) I am sure Mr. Stevenson, you would be more than happy to send any one the script of this broadcast for the asking so that they can have full information as to its content. And finally Mr. Stevenson is this the type of material that you are teaching in the Kearney State Teachers College or is this just an expression of your own opinion? I am sure that the North Platte Telegraph will give you a reasonable amount of space for a reply in the interest of fairness.

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The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS), a large, right-wing, semi-secret extremist group which is vigorously opposed to COMMUNISM. JBS has extended it's influence far beyond it's membership by enrolling many non-members into "thousands" of front groups such as TRAIN.

Alleged membership of the Omaha Chapter of TRAIN has been reported as follows:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:</u>		
[redacted] Chairman)	[redacted]	[redacted]
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[redacted] (Secretary)	NFI	
[redacted] (Membership)	NFI	
[redacted] (Ret Program)	NFI	
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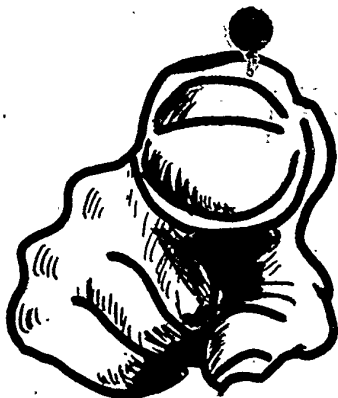
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March 24th, 1969

REV. [REDACTED]

PASTOR

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

PARSONAGE
211 N. VINE STREET
PHONE 527-4314

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A young United Methodist Minister of decidedly socialist leanings is finding himself in hot water and the center of much unfavorable publicity these days in our community. In his sermons he has supported the non-violent policies of Martin Luther King and justified the violence that generally follows the appearance of men like these. A few years back he visited Russia with some other American Clergymen, and extolled the virtues, so called, of that country, its policies, and practices. When at a local ministerial meeting he was challenged on some of the things he had said, he remarked, "And what's the matter with Communism?", and then went on to defend that political philosophy.

As a loyal American Citizen and a firm believer in the teachings of evangelical Christian Faith, I have long been an admirer of yours. I know that you have had to face much criticism and you have been the target of much vituperative comment, but you have risen above the rottenness of it all in a glorious manner. I want you to know that we pray for you, that God will continue to uphold you and give you strength for the tasks of life for many years to come! We need more people like you in government.

Last October, I quoted a statement by you taken from The Chaplain, published by The General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, which said, "The goals of the liberal church and the Communist Party are so much alike, that you cannot tell the difference!" The statement is sound and true and it was attributed to you, and I printed it in my Sunday Bulletin. Later it was quoted in a letter To The Editor in our local paper, and received much comment of a favorable nature. Later on a rebuttal note To The Editor denied that you had ever made such a statement. If you can clear this question up, I promise that the information will not be used in such a way as to embarrass you.

My Church is not "ultra right" or even "fundamentalist" in its connections. We are a rational Bible-believing American Baptist Church. We are also patriotic, loyal, American citizens, who are rightly concerned about the influence of socialism and communism in our country. Knowing as we do the philosophy of this group, we do not fear their armies as much as we do the insidious manner in which they are undermining our people thru the educational and communications media. During WW # 2, I was a Chaplain in Italy. In the years that followed I was a Chaplain in The Iowa National Guard for over twenty years. I am presently a Chaplain (Colonel) in The Ready Reserve (USAR), attached to The USAAC HQ in [REDACTED] I would willingly die for my country. I have also been [REDACTED] Legion.

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Page Two - Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Chaplain for two terms, and [redacted] Legion Chaplain² for one term. I fully support the American Legion in their concerns about Communism in the world today.

There is a strong John Birch movement in our community, and several of its members belong to my Church. There are a lot of fine men in this group, although I cannot agree with some of the blanket statements they make from time to time. They seem willing like Washington of old to stake their very lives, their fortunes, and their all to fight for the preservation of America. They are not listed by The United States Army as a subversive organization. They do not have a favorable press rating, and the communications media seem to look down on them and ridicule them. I do not think this is totally justifiable, by any means. I would appreciate any comments you might care to make about the John Birch movement.

Thank you for your kindness in taking the time to read this letter. Assuring you of my high regard for you and the things you stand for, and my undying love for my country, I remain

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

ACM:dkb

April 4, 1969

AIRMAIL

[redacted]
First Baptist Church
211 North Vine Street
Glenwood, Iowa 51534

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for the kind sentiments and generous comments in your letter of March 24th concerning my work.

In reply to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to furnish the type of evaluation you requested. The FBI has not investigated that organization.

I have never made the statement that "The goals of the liberal church and the Communist Party are so much alike, that you cannot tell the difference."

Enclosed is some material on the topic of communism which I hope will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Foes of Smut To Join Birch

An Omaha chapter of the Movement to Restore Decency will affiliate, openly, with the John Birch Society, the society's regional coordinator said Thursday night. **IT**

Omahan Richard L. Beem, the coordinator, also objected to the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, Harold Adler, calling the movement a "front" for the society.

Beem said literature has been sent throughout the nation describing the society's role as sponsor of the movement. The literature said 10 per cent of the movement's members will be Birch Society members, the rest other citizens concerned about the growth of pornography, sex education classes in schools, drug abuse and other activities causing moral decay, especially among youths.

Mrs. W. L. Woodard, of 111 North Happy Hollow Boulevard, has said she is attempting to form an Omaha chapter of the movement.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA 100-0

DATE: 7/16/69

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

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TO RESTORE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE NOW (TRAIN)
Information Concerning

On 7/16/69 Detective [REDACTED] Des Moines, Iowa Police Department advised that the attached report by SGT [REDACTED] contains information that a meeting of TRAIN was held at the Howard Johnsons Motel 2525 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa on 7/8/69. The next meeting of TRAIN will be held on 7/22/69.

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July (Wed) 17, 69

Information reff Group
referred to as "Train"

Pls Maurice Lewis

On July 17, 1969 I contacted the Motel manager of the Howard Johnson Moter Motel 2525 Grand [redacted] He stated that on Tuesday July 8, 1969 a [redacted] or [redacted] made reservations for a group called "Train" to have a meeting on 7-8-69 for 50 persons, 20 people attended. On July 15, 1969 a meeting was also had, arrangements being made by [redacted] number of persons attended unknown.

Arrangements have now been made for a further meeting to be held July 22, 1969 at 8pm. All of these meetings have been held in meeting room # 103.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has been to the Motel in the past attending meetings held by the John Birch So. the last meeting held by the Birchers at the Motel was on May 6th, 1969 in room #309 arrangements made by [redacted] title of the meeting was "Support Your Police".

The City directory shows [redacted] an employe of the Crown Concrete Co.

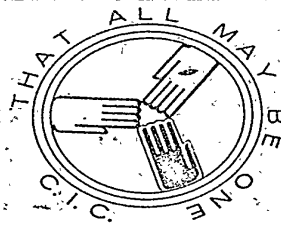
The Motel mag. [redacted] is going to check with the maintenance man to ascertain if any material was left by this group, if so more info will be forthwith.

Sgt [redacted]

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Vol. VIII, No. 10, June, 1969

Catholic Interracial Council

410 Brady Street

Davenport, Iowa



WELFARE/RIGHTS MOVEMENT GAINS MOMENTUM IN DAVENPORT

Welfare recipients in the Davenport area are becoming more militant as they demand to be treated with respect and dignity and attempt to remove the image that most Americans have of them. Affluent Americans accept many myths about welfare recipients, and blame the poor for many of this country's ills. The citizens pictured above are picketing the Scott County Courthouse in support of Scott County Welfare Director, Don Kasser, whom the County Supervisors are allegedly planning to replace with someone who will be more punitive. (See inside for more facts about welfare recipients.)

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CIC CONGRATULATES SCHOOL BOARD

May 5, 1969

Dear Members of the Board:

The Catholic Interracial Council, representing a broad cross section of concerned people (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish) desire to go on record congratulating you, the School Board, for its courage in facing up to de facto segregation in the public schools.

We wish to commend you for taking a step toward elimination of same by changing the boundaries, thus allowing the minority group to attend West High School.

Along with you we hope that this may prove to be an effectual instrument in our pursuit for justice and equality for all.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Council,

Robert A. Crum
Secretary

CALLS RACISM A THREAT TO ALL CHILDREN!

An unpublished report by the Joint Commission on the Mental Health of Children, of the American Psychiatric Association found that "racism is the Number One health problem facing America" and recommended "drastic changes" in the basic social fiber of the nation.

Higher than normal rates of infant mortality, mental retardation, complications of pregnancy and poverty among minority groups produces a greater risk of mental illness in minority children.

However, society at large faces serious problems of mental illness because "the conscious and unconscious attitudes of superiority which permit and demand that a majority oppress a minority are a clear and present danger to the mental health of all children and their parents. We can no longer afford the feelings of guilt, fear, anxiety and the other crippling emotions that affect both sides in a national atmosphere of hostility and aggression evoked by racial tension."

***** HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY *****

Surely a nation that can place men on the moon should be able to provide decent housing for its senior citizens.

FACTS ABOUT MIGRANT WORKERS

GRAPE PICKERS FACE PESTICIDE POISONING, VIOLENCE, THREATS

Suppression of public records relating to the application of pesticides in Kern County, California is being challenged in a suit being brought in behalf of the Delano grape pickers by the American Civil Liberties Union. Testimony about infant deaths and adult deaths, poisonous water supply, and irreparable physical and psychic damage to the migrants in this suit, the first of its kind, has been offered to the Court.

Other legal actions being fought in Delano:

--illegal attempts by growers to restrict picketing and leafleting.

ATTENTION HOME OWNERS

AGE 65 and OVER

Under our Iowa Tax Laws, you may be eligible for moderate property tax relief. The law provides that under certain circumstances the amount of tax on your home will not be increased above certain levels.

If your joint Federal Taxable income plus non-taxable income is under \$3,500, you are probably eligible.

SEE EXAMPLES BELOW

Man and wife 65 or over:

Total Income	\$3,800.00
Minus the over 65 exemptions	<u>2,400.00</u>
Federal taxable income	1,400.00
Add Social Security income	<u>1,560.00</u>
	<u>\$2,960.00</u>

The above is eligible for the "Tax Freeze".

Single person 65 or over:

Total Income	\$2,800.00
Minus the over 65 exemption	<u>1,200.00</u>
Federal taxable income	1,600.00
Add Social Security income	<u>1,200.00</u>
	<u>\$2,800.00</u>

The above is eligible for the "Tax Freeze".

If you have income from non-taxable bonds or other pension income, it must be added.

You may be eligible. We suggest you take a copy of your Federal Income Tax return to the Assessor's office, in the court house, before July 1st and investigate. If you did not have to pay income tax, you are quite likely eligible.

This information and these suggestions are sponsored by
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- violence against union organizers and their sympathizers.
- under-representation of Mexican-Americans on juries.
- failure of the criminal court system to provide stenographers.
- forcing of workers to repack grapes without pay under threat of no compensation at all if they refuse, claiming involuntary servitude.
- harrassment of the union's newspaper in an attempt to deprive workers of their free speech outlets - a \$2.2 million libel suit was recently dismissed.

-- Civil Liberties

US GOVERNMENT AIDS GIANT GIUMARRA CORPORATION.....!

Giumarra, the main grower being struck with 12,459 acres, received a one year 1966 government subsidy of \$246, 882 in soil land and acreage diversion payments, according to Senator John Williams of Delaware (doesn't include price support program or water subsidy nor direct purchase of grapes by the government for shipment to Viet Nam, etc.). The government subsidizes corporate farms at the expense of the small farmer. Six per cent of California farms now own more than 75% of the land.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE POOR IN AMERICA

(From a Committee for Economic Development paper by Anthony Downs, a member of the President's National Commission on Urban Problems.)

For many poor people, poverty is not just a lack of income. It is also a defeatist state of mind, a persistent lack of capability for improving one's own situation, and an inferior position in society. Moreover, major social institutions repeatedly reinforce these malaises-even those institutions intended to alleviate poverty. Almost every analysis of poverty has concluded that the system in which the poor are enmeshed tends to perpetuate their poverty. Social institutions reinforce poverty by:

- Providing assistance to the poor in ways that increase or emphasize their dependency, rather than stimulating feelings of adequacy or effort at self-improvement.
- Exploiting the ignorance of the poor by imposing on them higher costs than other people pay for similar goods or services.

- Omitting poor people from social insurance schemes that "spread the risks" of certain social maladies.
- Creating unnecessary obstacles which prevent poor people from taking advantage of opportunities for improving their lot.

...expensive middle-class standards upon lower-class people and ... to make the ... of the ... to ... in ways not totally acceptable to the ... class.

PAY MORE FOR FOOD

Here are a few important examples:

Retail prices for food and other staples paid by residents of low-income neighborhoods are often higher than those paid by residents of higher-income areas. This occurs partly because poor people tend to shop in small local stores rather than because of price differentials in larger chain stores.

Poor residents of big cities pay much higher prices and interest rates for merchandise purchased on credit. Even so, these residents pay for the same goods. A Federal Trade Commission study showed that prices of such goods averaged 50 per cent higher in low-income areas. Housing in low-income areas is far more expensive in rel-

time to quality--especially in Negro areas--than in middle-income neighborhoods. For comparable or only slightly lower rents, poor households receive smaller units in worse condition with poorer services and neighborhood amenities.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

Poor citizens are given fewer opportunities for improving their own housing than wealthier ones, because most lenders will not provide mortgages for either purchase or improvement in very low-income areas, even if the borrower has good credit ratings.

In some parts of the world, poor migrants to urban areas are allowed to build their own housing on vacant land at the edges of the urbanized area. As their incomes rise, they often up-grade these initially sub-standard units into reasonably decent shelter, and the government eventually adds standard urban utilities and services.

In the United States middle-class construction standards imposed by building codes and zoning laws make new construction of low-cost housing on vacant land impossible. Instead, low-priced units must be manufactured out of existing housing through overcrowding or deterioration. Consequently, in U.S. metropolitan areas, most poor immigrants are concentrated in older central-city neighborhoods in units which are extremely difficult to up-grade through self-help.

SUBSIDIES FOR WELL-TO-DO

Poor people are a minority group in the United States, so any policies or programs benefiting them are politically costly unless they simultaneously provide equal or even larger benefits for middle-income and upper-income groups. As a result, most subsidies benefit the wealthy far more than the poor. Examples are:

- 1. Housing Subsidies: The largest of such subsidies consist of income tax deductions allowed for property tax and interest payments made by home owners, and the failure to tax the benefits of occupancy, which are an implicit return on investment for homeowners. As a result, the tax capital housing subsidy received by the wealthy is 10 per cent of all investment in housing that received by the poorest 25 per cent.
- 2. Urban Renewal Benefits: Land write-downs inherent in urban renewal programs mainly benefit real estate developers, high-income renters of renewal project housing, downtown property owners, and local governments. In contrast, such programs displace low-income families without paying adequate compensation, and caused an increased shortage of public housing for such families.
- 3. Food, Fuel, and Water Grants: Most of such subsidies are given to households which have a low proportion of poor members.

Lowest quality schools with the least qualified teachers and often the poorest buildings and equipment, are heavily concentrated in poor neighborhoods, especially in the cities. Furthermore, wealthy suburbs spend far more on education in all respects of education.

Low-income areas are often deliberately routed directly to the low-income areas, especially Negro neighborhoods, and away from other residential districts. The resulting displacement imposes heavy costs upon those forced to move and on those living in nearby poor neighborhoods. Yet, until 1968, home-relocation and relocation regulations did not provide just and adequate payment for these costs. Thus the poor paid a sizable share of the true cost of creating new housing which mainly benefits wealthier suburbanites and downtown areas.

The tax system discourages self-improvement by its failure to allow a large deduction for tax on earned income; provides too little for parents to create higher educational standards in their children; furthers feelings of helplessness

and dependency because of its complex rules and its administration by middle-class bureaucrats; pressures husbands to to separate from their families so they can get more income; and degrades many of those it serves by its surveillance procedures.

FEWEST SERVICES

Poor neighborhoods in large cities normally receive the lowest quality city services (such as garbage collection and police protection), as measured in quality-of-output. New jobs are being created mainly in suburban areas distant from central-city low-income areas, especially Negro areas. The many unemployed persons living in the central cities are therefore handicapped in getting jobs, especially since public transportation to these new job areas is rarely available.

Police practices in low-income areas maximize the probability that young men--particularly Negroes--will develop official police records for acts that would not create such records in higher-income suburbs. These records may seriously impede the employment or educational opportunities of the young people concerned. Once a poor person is arrested on suspicion of any crime, existing bail practices may compel him to remain in jail for months, even if he is completely innocent, simply because he cannot raise bail.

LEAST NEEDY ARE HELPED

The U.S. Employment Service and many welfare agencies designed to serve those in need tend to "cream" their potential clientele. They focus the greatest attention on those persons most likely to develop their own capabilities successfully, thus making "a good record" for the agencies. As a result, the poorest potential beneficiaries--those who need the most help--usually receive the least. These institutional perversities, and many more, tend to make escape from poverty extremely difficult for many of the persons who become trapped in it by birth or changing circumstances.

'CHEATING' IN ADC PROGRAM

(Editorial from Des Moines Register (11-24-'67))

In popular belief, "cheating" is wide-spread among participants of the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program. A recent State Welfare Department study discloses that irregularities are wide-spread, but that by and large it is the ADC family that is being "cheated". The study, conducted for the federal government consisted of in-depth analysis of a sample of ADC cases carefully selected from large and small counties to form a representative cross-section of ADC applicants and the caseloads over a nine-month period. The examiners found scarcely anyone improperly accepted or rejected for the program. But when the examiners studied the grants approved for ADC families, they found another story. Of the 195 sample cases studied, the grants allotted to the families were in error in 55 cases. The bulk of the errors consisted of failure to give recipients as much as they are entitled to under entitlement rules. Only 44 of the errors were overpayments, and these generally were for small amounts. Overpayments averaged \$15.54 a case and totalled \$217 a month for the cases in the sample. Underpayment was not only more common, the errors were larger amounts. The 41 underpayments--making up more than a fifth of the cases studied--averaged \$26.80 monthly per case. The total monthly underpayment for the 41 cases was \$1,099. Some of the errors were for trifling \$1, \$2 and \$3 amounts, but many were for substantial amounts. One

family with five youngsters was shorted \$105 a month because of a mistake in computing the grant from a chart furnished welfare workers. Short-changing on the order of \$30, \$40, and \$50 was common. Some error is to be expected in figuring welfare allotments in view of their complicated nature, the amount of paper work required and the size of caseloads. But the volume of error uncovered by this sample survey is disturbing. It is also disturbing--and puzzling--that the errors are not more evenly distributed, being preponderantly on the side of underpayment.

A lot of people regard welfare workers with suspicion, considering them in league with welfare recipients to bilk the government. The welfare study shows this to be anything but the case in Iowa.

READ SIGNS OF TIMES? BE A SIGN?

"When the Church is incapable of reading the signs of the times, she herself is obscured as a sign."

--Fr. Daniel Berrigan, S.J.

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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Office of Information,
Room 327, 1405 I Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20425.

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20 or 21
Housing Inspector, City Hall
Ext. 80 or 72

BE INFORMED!

-----Where and When the City Service Organizations Meet:

Scott County Health Dept: First Wednesday of the month
7:30 P.M. Court House

Scott County Dept. of Social Services: First and third
Thursday of the month, 8:30
A.M. 415 Perry St.

Scott County Board of Supervisors: First, tenth, and
twentieth of the month, 9:30
A.M., Court House

Davenport City Council: First and third Wednesday of
the month, 7:30 P.M., City
Hall

Davenport Citizens Advisory Commission: City Planning
Fourth Tuesday of the month,
7:30 P.M., City Hall, Mayor's
Office.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The John Birch Society is the wealthiest and probably the most potent member of the Radical Right. In the spring of 1965, Birch founder, Robert Welch, former candy manufacturer, now a self-styled expert on Communism, announced the launching of a massive anti-civil rights campaign, an irresponsible and intemperate campaign bound and designed to foment racial tension.

The Birch Society's position is that the civil rights movement is founded and still fully controlled by Communists. However, J. Edgar Hoover, on Dec. 12, 1964, stated, "...that the American civil rights movement is not, and has never been dominated by the communists---because the overwhelming majority of the civil rights leaders in this country, both Negro and white, have recognized and rejected Communism as a menace to the freedoms of all..." and "...behind the 'patriotic' veneer of the John Birch Society is a deep hatred for such groups as Negroes, members of the Catholic and Jewish faiths, and immigrants."

The JBS is carrying out an extensive, heavily financed propaganda campaign with films, touring speakers, booklets and pamphlets, front groups and professional organizers.

BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING BIRCH PROPAGANDA:

The JBS "Bulletin"

Front Groups such as TACT (Truth about Civil Turmoil)

Support Your Local Police
National Negro Congress

American Opinion Speakers such as

George Schuyler	Jim Clark
Alan Starig	Julia Brown
Major Pedro Diaz	Lola Belle Holmes
Lanz	Leonard Patterson
	Alvin Smith

Films such as: Anarchy USA

Civil Rights-- USA: The Watts Story

Show Biz in the Streets

(Open Housing and Urban Renewal are new targets for the Birchers)

BE AWARE OF PHONY QUOTES AND CAPTIONS!

We should not dispute the right the Birchers have to express their opinions, but we must be aware of the deep rooted social dangers of their ideas.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BIRCHERS?

(from the Des Moines Register)

To the Editor:

In your May 10 editorial, Otepka and the Birchers, you question the fitness of Mr. Otepka to serve on the Subversive Activities Control Board because of his alleged association with the John Birch Society. I fail to get the point.

For the benefit of myself and other uninformed people, would you please explain why association with the John Birch Society should be cause for a "thorough examination" of the credentials of anyone seeking a position on the Subversive Activities Board?

-- Harold Tibbetts, Box 74, Toddville
Iowa, 52341

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Birch Society Blue Book calls for organization of a "monolithic body" operating under "completely authoritative control at all levels." Members are directed to set up front groups to promote the society's ideas. The society does not reveal names of members nor the number of members. It does not report sources or extent of its funds, nor how they are spent. It conducts clandestine campaigns to discredit government leaders and policies.

WORTH REMEMBERING:

-- Saul Alinsky, Davenport, Iowa
May 13, 1969

*: Democracy is a process, not an end. It is a process designed to promote the general welfare.
*: Certain values cannot be voted upon; equality, freedom, etc., must be accepted.
*: Effective organization must have power, which is the ability to act.
*: An organization must have realistic goals which have immediacy and which are realizable, and which are specific.
*: Men are moved by selfish interests, not by altruistic values or by ideals.
*: Definition of "reconciliation": When an organization develops power, and the opponents become reconciled to that fact, there will be reconciliation.
*: All issues are controversial. Social issues and problems cannot be solved without controversy.
*: Organizations must be able to communicate effectively.
(The power structure might not hear with their ears but

with their rears.
::An organization must not reach outside the experience of those with whose interests it is concerned.
::Power belongs to those who have money or/and people.
::Conflict is the cradle of a free and open society. Only the totalitarian society has no controversy. Welcome controversy. When all other tactics fail, we may try reason.
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REFLECTIONS AND COMMENT BY JACK SCHNEIDERS

::There are, it would seem, many laws which are being violated by the city, state and county officials. For example:

(a) The Code of Iowa, Chapter 413 and the Davenport City Ordinances require that all multiple dwellings be inspected once a year.

(b) The Code of Iowa and the Davenport Minimum Housing Code requires that landlords keep their property in a safe and healthy condition.

(c) How many recall the recent Times Democrat article describing the deprivation of four families that receive assistance from state welfare?

(d) How many recall the recent report of the tour by the Davenport Citizens Advisory Committee?

The headlines in the TIMES-DEMOCRAT read:

"TOUR REVEALS HAUNTING SLUM SPECTRE"

"CIVIC LEADERS TO TOUR 'BAD HOUSING' AREAS"

"A WALK ON THE BLIGHTED SIDE"

The articles described conditions no different than the worst in the large cities!

--No hot water!

--Rats!

--Holes in the walls!

--Falling plaster!

--Two burner hot plates! 14 people!

--Inadequate heat; 55 degrees indoors!

--High rents for dilapidated quarters!

--Broken windows!

--Basement toilet shared by

:: Programs to aid in the development of adequate housing facilities for lower income families are available. Under the Workable Program for Community Improvement initiated by the City Council last July, it is the responsibility of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to recommend effective solutions to the city's deplorable, dilapidated housing situation. (Over 1000 such units according to the 1960 census.) Beyond that, it is the responsibility of the elected officials to effect the programs recommended.

:: More important, it is up to the liberal middle class about whom Mr. Alinsky spoke, to see that the conditions are changed...to see that there are effective programs enacted to provide decent housing at a reasonable cost. It requires commitment to attend a Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting...they meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall in the Mayor's office.

LITANY OF THE DESOLATE NATION

Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white--separate and unequal.

IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF, THAT HOUSE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND.

Our present system of public welfare is designed to save money instead of people, and tragically ends up doing neither.

THERE WILL BE NO POOR AMONG YOU IF ONLY YOU WILL OBEY THE VOICE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD AND DO HIS COMMANDMENTS.

During the first quarter of the twentieth century the federal government enacted no new legislation to insure equal rights..and despite flagrant violations made little attempt to enforce existing laws.

ITS RULERS GIVE JUDGMENT FOR A BRIBE, ITS PRIESTS TEACH FOR HIRE, ITS PROPHETS DIVINE FOR MONEY, SAYING, "NO EVIL SHALL COME UPON US."

In three decades, federal subsidy has built eight hundred thousand housing units for the disadvantaged; federal mortgage guarantees have made possible over ten million middle and upper-income units.

WOE TO THOSE WHO LIE UPON BEDS OF IVORY AND ANOINT THEMSELVES WITH THE FINEST OILS, BUT ARE NOT GRIEVED OVER THE RUIN OF JOSEPH!

The atmosphere of hostility and cynicism is reinforced by a widespread belief that there is a double standard of justice and protection.

THE PRINCE AND THE JUDGE ASK FOR A BRIBE, AND THE GREAT MAN UTTERS THE EVIL DESIRE OF HIS SOUL; THUS THEY WEAVE IT TOGETHER.

In World War II the Red Cross, with government approval, in blood banks for wounded servicemen, separated Negro and white blood.

GOD MADE OF ONE BLOOD EVERY NATION OF MEN TO LIVE ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Vietnam diverted the attention of the country from the issue of equality.

YOU HAVE SHED MUCH BLOOD AND HAVE WAGED GREAT WARS; YOU SHALL NOT BUILD A HOUSE TO MY NAME BECAUSE YOU HAVE SHED SO MUCH BLOOD.

We have seen in our cities a chain reaction of racial violence. If we are heedless, none of us shall escape the consequences.

BECAUSE YOU TRUSTED IN YOUR STRONGHOLDS AND YOUR TREASURES YOU ALSO SHALL BE TAKEN; THE DESTROYED SHALL COME UPON EVERY CITY, AND NO CITY SHALL ESCAPE.

Weapons which are designed to destroy, not to control, have no place in densely populated communities.

PUT YOUR SWORD BACK IN ITS PLACE; FOR ALL WHO TAKE THE SWORD WILL PERISH BY THE SWORD.

Observers report that city fathers seemed unaware of the seriousness of the tensions.

LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE THEE HUNGRY OR THIRSTY OR A STRANGER OR NAKED OR SICK OR IN PRISON?

The major need is to generate new will--the will to tax ourselves to the extent necessary to meet the vital needs of the nation.

I WILL BUY IT FOR A PRICE; I WILL NOT OFFER TO THE LORD THAT WHICH COSTS ME NOTHING.

For every American the situation requires new attitudes, new understanding, and above all, new will.

REPENT AND TURN FROM ALL YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS, LEST INIQUITY BE YOUR RUIN. CAST AWAY ALL YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS WHICH YOU HAVE COMMITTED, AND GET YOURSELVES A NEW HEART AND A

NEW SPIRIT! FOR I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF ANYONE,
SAYS THE LORD: SO TURN, AND LIVE.

(The lead statements are from the Report on the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders; responses are from the Bible. The Litany was prepared by the Rev. Dr. J. Carter Swaim, Church of the Covenant, New York, and was used in a memorial service for Senator Robert Kennedy. UN Ambassador Goldberg and Secretary-General U Thant participated in the service.)

PRACTICAL POINTERS ON WRITING YOUR CITY COUNCILMAN, STATE
LEGISLATOR, U.S. SENATOR OR CONGRESSMAN

Elected representatives at all levels of government are influenced by you, as a constituent in their ward or district when you take the time to write a sincere letter expressing your opinion on legislation.

Most state and local officials give consideration primarily to two factors that determine their decisions on legislation and policy:

1. They act on behalf of what they think is right
2. They are sensitive to public opinion within their own constituencies.

To make your letter or communication as effective as possible:

1. Be informed regarding the facts.
2. Be positive and constructive. Avoid criticism and compliment your legislator on some recent action, vote, or public speech.
3. Make your letter personal. Never send duplicated 'form' letters or postcards.
4. If possible, use a typewriter.
5. Point up the moral issue if involved. Be sure to specify why you are personally advocating a particular position.
6. Make your letter timely. Be sure to send it to the legislator when the bill is being considered before his particular legislative body.
7. Keep your letter to the point. If you are writing about specific legislation, refer to the accurate title and number of the bill.
8. Never be antagonistic, but rather be friendly.
9. Make suggestions, in a positive way for correcting any shortcomings that may exist in the legislation up for consideration.

If the matter is urgent, the letter should be sent Airmail-Special Delivery. Remember that on many issues, sometimes including vital matters, very little mail may be received by state and national legislators in Des Moines and Washington. Therefore, you who express your opinion, magnify your influence.

It is often very effective to send your letter, not only to your legislator, but to the Chairman of the Committee in charge of handling the bill. A carbon copy sent to the presiding officer of the body, such as the President of the City Council or the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, also is in order. On major issues, letters may be sent to the top leadership of both bodies of the State Legislature or Congress. These could include, for example, the Majority Leader, President Pro Tempore, and Governor. For a list of these officials, as well as the chairman and members, write the City Clerk of your city; the Secretary of State of your state; or the Congressional Staff Directory, Washington, D.C. 20003.

All elected legislators have one thing in common: they want

to be re-elected. Therefore, they should be especially responsive to communications from their own districts. Be certain to note those committees of the Council or the General Assembly or the Congress on which your elected legislator serves. This will indicate to you at what point your influence may be most substantial.

How to Receive a Personal Response--

Of the letters that arrive daily in a particular legislator's office, several can be answered with a form letter; another number can be answered personally by an assistant; while the legislator himself dictates the answers to still others. If you want to receive a personal response, ask a thoughtful question about an issue that concerns you.

FORMS OF ADDRESS

U.S. Senate:

The Honorable John Doe
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Doe:

U.S. House of Representatives:

The Honorable John Doe
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Doe:

Iowa General Assembly:

The Honorable John Doe
House of Representatives
State House
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Representative Doe:

The Honorable John Doe
Iowa State Senate
State House
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Senator Doe:

City Council:

The Honorable John Doe
City Councilman
City Hall
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Councilman Doe:

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"The rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened." --J.F. Kennedy

--ONE MAN MUST OVERCOME OPPRESSION AND VIOLENCE WITHOUT RESORTING TO VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION."

--Dr. Martin Luther King

DID YOU KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT REQUIRES BUSINESS TO TAKE AGGRESSIVE STEPS IN EMPLOYMENT?

Employers must not only agree to stop employment discrimination, they must take affirmative and concrete action to hire minority group workers if they want government business.

--Business Week, 1/11/69

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Davenport, Iowa 52801

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July 11, 1969

Rev. Marvin A. Mottet
CIC Newsletter
412 Brady
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Rev. Mottet:

I fear that you missed the point of my July 7, 1969, letter. In this correspondence, I publicly challenged you to either produce the source of a quote you attributed to J. Edgar Hoover or make a public retraction.

Did you not evade the issue by challenging John Birch Society members to a public debate on racism and the civil rights movement?

Rev. Mottet, you and I know that your CIC Newsletter credited Mr. Hoover with a statement he did not make. As a member, I can not tolerate the use of a great American's name (being used untruthfully) to sully the good name of The John Birch Society.

J. Edgar Hoover has served our nation untiringly for decades. He has served it with honor and dignity. For nearly a half-century, he has closely noted the rising tide of Communism. Had we all been wise enough to heed his clear words of warning over the years, our country would not now be faced with such a monstrous conspiracy.

In the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, February, 1958, you will find the warning that public indifference to the threat of Communism is "tantamount to national suicide." Do you not agree?

In Charleston, West Virginia, June 16, 1959, Mr. Hoover said, "...The best yardstick of the effectiveness of the fight against communism is the fury of the smear attacks against the fighter-- launched and conducted by the Reds."

Indicative of the effectiveness of The John Birch Society are the numerous furious and vicious attacks against its members.

If you truly desire factual information about the John Birch Society, I suggest you write:

[redacted]
c/o The John Birch Society
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

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Sincerely yours, for God and Country

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P. S. I am forwarding a copy of the June, 1969 CIC Newsletter to Mr. Hoover.

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Moline, Ill. 61265
July 7, 1969

Rev. Marvin A. Mottet, Editor
CIC Newsletter
412 Brady
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Rev. Mottet:

In your CIC Newsletter for June, 1969, you cautioned your readers to be "Aware of Phony Quotes and Captions!"

You then printed and circulated "phony quotes and captions!"

You printed that on Dec. 12, 1964, J. Edgar Hoover stated, "...that the American civil rights movement is not, and has never been dominated by the communists---because the overwhelming majority of the civil rights leaders in this country, both Negro and white, have recognized and rejected Communism as a menace to the freedoms of all..." and...."behind the 'patriotic' veneer of the John Birch Society is a deep hatred for such groups as Negroes, members of the Catholic and Jewish faiths, and immigrants."

The first part of the above quote, "quote," is not complete. You neglected to give Mr. Hoover's complete statement! He also said, "But there are notable exceptions--dangerous opportunists and morally corrupt charlatans who would form an alliance with any organization, regardless of its nature, to advance their own power and prestige. We must maintain a constant vigil against these imposters, as well as against other zealots who would shortcut the orderly processes of government and demand a mantle of special privilege under the law."

There is no mention of the John Birch Society in the text of the speech from which you quote; therefore, I publicly challenge you to produce the source of this quotation and to either prove that Mr. Hoover said it or issue a public retraction.

I further challenge you to produce supporting evidence for your further charges regarding the John Birch Society. You told your readers to be aware of Birch propaganda such as American Opinion Speakers. The speakers you listed include five Negroes, one Jew and according to my information, one Catholic immigrant!

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Moline, Ill. 61265
July 11, 1969

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J. Edgar Hoover; Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sending you a copy of the CIC (Catholic Interracial Council) Newsletter for June, 1969.

In this publication, the editor, Rev. Marvin A. Mottet, attributed to you a statement downgrading The John Birch Society. As a member of the Society, I did some research and could find no record of your having made such remarks.

I publicly challenged the editor to produce the source of your alleged statement or retract it. He answered by challenging Birch Society members to a public debate on racism and the civil rights movement. In doing this, Rev. Mottet evaded the issue quite well.

Mr. Hoover, please understand that I do not expect you to become involved in my challenge to the CIC Newsletter editor. I do, however, believe that I should call the matter to your attention.

To me, the circulation of half-truths, incomplete quotes and downright falsehoods by an organization such as the Davenport CIC does more to create interracial turmoil, distrust, prejudice and racism than it does to dispel it.

To use the color of skin, religious belief, national origin, etc., as a reason for denying civil rights is deplorable. To use them as an excuse for the exploitation of human beings is abominable. It is difficult to feel charitable toward anyone who does either.

Thank you for your vigilance. May God bless and keep you.

Gratefully yours,

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Moline, Illinois 61265

Dear [redacted]

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on July 17th and I want to express my appreciation for your kind comments and sentiments regarding my administration of the FBI. I am indeed grateful for your support and I hope that our future efforts will continue to merit your approval.

✓ 100-6825
I have not made any statement concerning the John Birch Society such as that attributed to me in the June, 1969, issue of the "Catholic Interracial Council Newsletter" and I certainly appreciate your efforts to correct this misquote.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Birchers Give Books To Schools

The area coordinator for the John Birch Society said Thursday he has presented the Rock Island school system with books and pamphlets.

Charles J. Humphries, Des Moines, said the books were purchased by the Rock Island County chapters for use in the Rock Island schools.

The 13 books and pamphlets include such publications as "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover and "The Life of John Birch" by Robert Welch.

Charles O. Austin Jr., Rock Island superintendent of schools, said the procedure is to refer the materials to the assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum, the curriculum committee and the social studies coordinator for evaluation and recommendations as far as use in the schools is concerned.

"We do not put these books in our library until they have gone through this procedure," Austin said. He added that some of the books and pamphlets may be used.

In a written statement, Humphries said, "It is our hope that these materials will be used by teachers in alerting their students to the dangerous communist propaganda with which they are daily confronted."

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An Anti-Communist Negro Declares:

"I TOO HAVE A DREAM"

Author, Lecturer, and F.B.I. Undercover Operative MRS. JULIA BROWN sounds a solemn warning of the dangers facing this country — and offers a positive program for all Americans who want to build a safer, freer, prouder Nation. *what*

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Mrs. Julia Brown is well-known to several million Americans for her fervent opposition to this country's enemies. Years ago she was deceived into joining the Communist Party. She quickly learned, however, that Communism is the greatest enemy our country faces.

She took this new-found knowledge to the F.B.I., which asked her to rejoin that diabolical conspiracy and report on its activities. For nine years Mrs. Brown listened, learned, and reported to the authorities. In 1962 she testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, exposing more than 100 Red agents and revealing "much new and useful information" on Communist activities.

But her efforts on behalf of freedom didn't end with her testimony. During the past seven years, this outstanding Negro woman has addressed audiences all across this country. Several thousand Americans have read her stirring autobiography, I Testify. Tens of thousands have heard her speech, "The Communist Connections of Martin Luther King," and several thousand copies of this talk have been distributed.

If you are concerned by today's headlines, if you wonder what is wrong and *what you can do to help*, don't miss this engagement. Bring your friends and neighbors to hear Mrs. Julia Brown at —

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I AGREE WITH YOUR PROGRAM TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL
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- ☐ Please send me.....tickets for this speech. Enclosed is \$.....
- ☐ Please send me more information about the Support Your Local Police Committee, including your Statement of Principles and an application for membership.
- ☐ Please have a member of the Committee call on me to discuss the Support Your Local Police Committee and my possible participation in its activity.
- ☐ Keep up the good work. Enclosed is \$.....in support of your program.

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*Support Your Local Police --
and Keep Them Independent!*

is a local committee formed by local citizens who are deeply concerned by the recent developments in this country that have imposed new and dangerous burdens on our local police. We realize that they are under attack as never before. They need and deserve our help. Our primary goals are:

1. To accept our responsibilities to our local police, to defend them against unjust attacks, make them proud and secure in their vital profession, and to offer them our support in word and deed wherever possible.
2. To help expose the methods and purposes of these forces which intend to destroy all law and order and to weaken, demoralize and discourage our law enforcement officials.
3. To remind all public officials that their first and most solemn responsibility is to protect the lives and property of the individuals in this area.

We are working to create more understanding of the problems and threats our police face. We hope you will join with us in this crucial undertaking!

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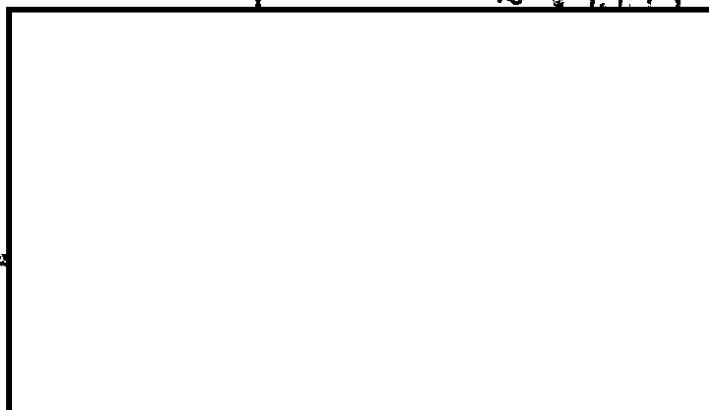
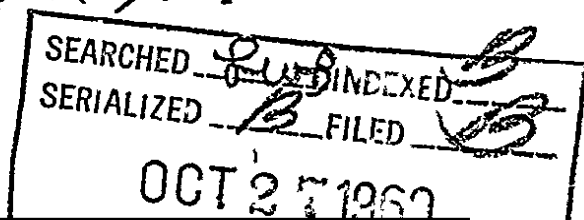
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Birch Says Moratorium Planners Are Communist

(Courier News Bureau)

CEDAR FALLS — An estimated 95 per cent of people supporting the Vietnam Moratorium activities are doing so for humanitarian purposes, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, said Thursday.

But he said the Moratorium was planned by the three per cent who are Communists and getting others to do their work for them.

Welch spoke before more than 1,000 students and faculty members at the University of Northern Iowa's Controversial Speakers program. Also attending was a larger than usual sprinkling of local residents.

No Excuse

"There is no excuse for us to be in Vietnam," Welch told the gathering. "If our government really wanted to drive the Communists out of somewhere, why not Cuba? They are right here close."

"If you really want to bring our boys home, we can have all the boys back in six months," Welch said. "Go ahead and win the war and come home. All you have to do to win the war is stop helping our enemies."

Welch said that the John

Birch Society was the first organization in the United States to call attention to the world wide Communist plot to discredit local police forces.

"Our Support Your Local Police program is receiving widespread support," he said.

Welch said that the recent law and order movement is not the same as the Birchers' Support Your Local Police movement but is a method of increasing the power of the national government.

"I hate to see some of our people swallowing this law and order business," he said.

"The local police forces are our final bastion against the Communist takeover that is planned."

Welch also said that his society is opposed to sex education for many reasons.

"Any public teaching of sex, even to adults, always leads to exhibitionism and a breakdown of morality," he said.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OMAHA (100-6825) (P)

DATE: 11/25/69

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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Oskaloosa, Iowa
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/25/69 [REDACTED] telephonically advised this office that he was a member of the local John Birch Society in Oskaloosa and that he hated communism, but in order to understand it and do research, he intended to subscribe to the Communist Party paper "Daily World" from New York City. He stated he wanted this office to make that fact a matter of record. He stated that he was 22 years of age, single, and employed in the Ideal Manufacturing Company of Oskaloosa, and he is intensely interested in politics. He advised he got the address of the "Daily World" from the headquarters of the John Birch Society.

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'Communists Shouldn't Get Any U.S. Aid'

An official of the John Birch Society said Wednesday that the Nixon administration shouldn't allow "essential products" to go to Communist nations.

Reed Benson, eldest son of Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture during the Eisenhower administration, said:

"We ship steel to Russia and airplanes to Yugoslavia.

"We train Communist pilots and we allow Communists to use the Panama Canal to ship war goods that are used to kill our boys in Vietnam."

Benson, who is the Washington, D. C., representative of the Birch society, was in Omaha to speak to a group of about 80 business and professional persons at a luncheon at the Omaha Club. He said at a press conference at the Fontenelle Hotel:

"The best way to defeat the Communists is to quit helping them."

The Communists are the prime motivators of unrest on college campuses, said Benson.

"This is not to say that all student demonstrators are Communists," he said. "But the Communists have always believed that communism must be built mostly by non-Communists."

Benson was critical of President Nixon's conduct of the Indochina war. The Communists there could be defeated in several months if the Nixon administration chose to wage all-out, non-nuclear war, he said.



Benson . . . "Stop help."

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of Sargent Nebraska contacted 6/29/71 and advised that he was a member of the John Birch Society. He claimed that he used to be for the Sargent area but didn't have the time as he is the only and had to release the office to someone else. He would not say who was the leader for this area at present.

He further advised that Ord Nebr. has a real strong John Birch group ~~with which~~ This chapter is lead by one of the doctors in that town and membership included the Mayor, police and other prominent leaders of the community.

He described the society's chain of command as chapters which are about the size of counties and are run by one man who is appointed by a state coordinator. He is in turn appointed by a regional coordinator who is in charge of several states. The regional coordinators are appointed by the National Council, run by Mr. Welch. No one in the society has the right to vote except the members of the National Council which number about 12 men.

Sub. also explained that a person can be thrown out if the chapter leader feels that this person is trying to neutralize that work of the Society by reporting to the next highest coordinator and then telling the person that he is no longer a member.

He further advised that used to be the Nebraska coordinator but he has been replaced. Sub. does not know who is the present coordinator for this state

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